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For: METAL POWDER PRODUCTION PROCESS AND METAL  
COMPOUND FEED COMPACT

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This is a response to the Final Office Action mailed July 19, 2007 in the above-identified application. A Notice of Appeal was filed together with a Petition for a three-month extension of time on January 15, 2008. A response is, therefore, due on March 15, 2008 and this response is, thus being timely filed. Furthermore, a Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently with this Amendment and the Amendment should, therefore, be entered into the file of the present application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested based on the claim amendments and remarks presented in this response.

**FEE CALCULATION**

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ ~~If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.~~

	NO. CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		EXTRA PRESENT	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	17	MINUS	20	* =	X	(\$25 SE or \$50)	\$0
INDEP.	2	MINUS	3	** =	X	(\$105 SE or \$210)	\$0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					X	(\$185 SE or \$370)	\$
* not less than 20		** not less than 3					TOTAL \$0

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#### **CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST**

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

#### **SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

1. ☐ If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2. ☐ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3. ☐ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4. ☒ If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.